



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

4th Sunday of Easter (B), 22nd April 2018

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Parish Diary

Saturday 21st April

St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor

10am Policarpo Goes (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

10.45am-11.45am Baptism Preparation
(church)

1.30pm Baptism (Jacob Nutchey)

6.30pm Franciszek Ziobro (RIP)

7.30pm Alpha Prayer Group

Sunday 22nd April

4th Sunday of Easter

8.30am Pro Populo

10.30am Freddy Lumaj (RIP)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Winifred Kelly (RIP)

Monday 23rd April

St George, Patron of England

9.30am Adrian Martius (tx)

Tuesday 24th April

SS Erkenwald & Mellitus, Bishops

9.30am Edmond Preka & children (RIP)

Wednesday 25th April

St Mark, Evangelist

9.30am Derek & Christina Tomkins (RIP)

Thursday 26th April Easter Feria

NO MASS

Friday 27th April Easter Feria

9.30am SS Anthony & Jude (tx)

Saturday 28th April

St Louis Grignon de Montfort

10am John Judge (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11am First Communion Rehearsal 1

2pm First Communion Rehearsal 2

4pm First Communion Rehearsal 3

6.30pm Policarpo Goes (RIP)

7.30pm Wine Tasting Evening (hall)

Sunday 29th April

5th Sunday of Easter

8.30am Pro Populo

10.30am Josie Keogh (RIP)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Brenda Ahearne (RIP)

NB Please note there will be **NO** Masses
on Monday 30th April & Tuesday 1st May

Today we have a second collection for the Priests Training Fund. More men are training for the priesthood in the Diocese of Westminster than at any time for a decade. It costs around £100,000 to train a seminarian for the priesthood, often over a period of six years or so, and your donation will help us to ensure that we can continue to train the priests we need for the future.

First Communion Rehearsals are on Saturday 28th April in the church. This year there will be three rehearsals for the three First Holy Communion celebrations:

- Week 3 (26th May) children will meet in the church at 11am
- Week 2 (19th May) children will meet in the church at 2pm
- Week 1 (12th May) children will meet in the church at 4pm

A parent needs to stay with each child and the rehearsal typically lasts up to an hour. Your child's name will be on the pew end, so please sit in your allocated pew. Please bring the completed work books with you to the rehearsal. The children can wear their usual clothes, not their First Holy Communion clothes. If you would like your child to be considered to read a Bidding Prayer on their First Holy Communion day, or at the Celebration Mass on the 3rd June, we will organise and practice that before your child's rehearsal on Saturday 28th April. Please come, with your child, to the church half an hour before your rehearsal time. A catechist will then rehearse with your child.

First Communion 2019 If you would like your child to be enrolled in the First Holy Communion programme starting in September—and your child is therefore currently in Year 2 or above—please see Fr Nicholas or Angela after Sunday Mass as soon as possible.

Charity Wine Tasting We will be raising money for Mary's Meals at a Wine Tasting Evening on **28th April at 7.30pm**. The cost will be £20, £10 of which goes to our charity and the rest to cover the cost of the wine and tapas. There are only 35 places available; please see Tracey, Inma, Angela or Fr Nicholas to buy a ticket.

Trinity School of Irish Dancing Join this world class team, which is the holder of seven All England and two World titles! Spaces are available for new beginners (children aged 3+) on Saturdays, 10.30am-11.30am in our parish hall. There is also a session at St Mary's Church Hall, Langley on Mondays, 5pm-6pm. Contact via Facebook (Scoil Rince Trinity) or trinityscid@gmail.com

Mary's Meals Advance warning that there will be an opportunity to bring in unwanted clothing and bedding (no pillows or duvets please) on the weekend of **16th-17th June**. This might be a focus for our spring cleaning!

St Margaret's Coffee Shop is looking for volunteers, particularly during the week, to help with this important part of town centre ministry. If you could spare two hours a week, between 10am and 2pm, please pop in and visit their website www.stmargaretsuxbridge.org

Unwanted 'Dead' Currency can be brought into the church to be given to Age Concern, who are collecting it. Please see Fr Nicholas or Angela.

Unwanted Wool If you have any balls of wool that are surplus to requirements please do bring them to the presbytery so that they can be passed on to some of our housebound parishioners who can use them.

Unwanted Stamps We are also collecting unwanted stamps for St Mary's School.

Uxbridge Choral Society is performing works by Handel (Dixit Dominus) and Karl Jenkins (The Armed Man, A Mass for Peace) on 12th May, 7.30pm, at Bishopshalt School. Tickets are £14 (children under 12, £7) and available on the door or from www.uxbridgechoralsociety.org.uk

Uxbridge Quakers warmly invite you to the first in a series of public events celebrating the 200th anniversary of their current meeting house, on the corner of Belmont Rd and York Rd, UB8 1QW. There will be a meeting on Saturday 28th April, 2pm-5pm, on the topic 'War to End War: Discussing the resurgence of militarism in the UK'. All are welcome!

Rotary Club of Uxbridge are hoping to sponsor young people, aged 18-25, on the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. This involves an exciting outdoor activities course, designed to develop team building and leadership skills, in

the beautiful surroundings of Snowdonia, 21st-28th July. If interested please contact Simon Nash on nash50@btinternet.com. Applications with brief CV ('why I would like to go'...) need to be made by 30th April.

We're connected! Check us out on Instagram (@uxbridgecatholic), Facebook (@Uxbridge Catholic Parish) and Twitter (@UxbridgeCath), as well as our website (www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk).

In case you are admitted to hospital please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Alternatively contact Fr Nicholas or Angela.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April is 'that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.'

Sunday Collection:
Sunday 8th April
Loose Plan: £566.03
Planned Giving: £417.63
Total: £983.66

Sunday 15th April
Loose Plan: £580.98
Planned Giving: £406.80
Total: £987.78

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions
Both lamps burn this week for the well-being and good health of Desiree Charles-Ramsey.

Point to Ponder: 'The Holy Spirit bestows holiness in abundance among God's holy and faithful people...I like to contemplate the

holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence...I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you: "Be holy, for I am holy". The Second Vatican Council stated this clearly: "Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect"...We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. There are some testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but that we are not meant to copy, for that could even lead us astray from the one specific path that the Lord has in mind for us. The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts (cf. *1 Cor 12:7*), rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them.' (Pope Francis in his recent Apostolic Exhortation on Holiness, *Gaudete et Exsultate*)

For Your Diary

Charity Wine Tasting Even- Day Pilgrimage to Wells
ing 28th April, 7.30pm Saturday 14th July

**Mary's Meals Collection of
Unwanted Bedding/
Clothing** 16th-17th June



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